

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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B<sup>1</sup> An absorber mass 113 is coupled to the vibratory mass by means of ERF spring/damper  
coupling element 115 in order to absorb particular mechanical vibrations. The resonant  
frequency of the vibration of the absorber mass 12 can be shifted by means of an auxiliary  
mass 114, which is connected to the absorber mass by another spring/damper coupling  
element.

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IN THE CLAIMS

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B<sup>2</sup> Claim 8 (twice amended). A method for modifying mechanical natural  
vibrations in machines, vehicle running gear or motors selected from the group consisting  
of balancing machines, machine tools, unbalance generators, testing machines, resonance  
testing machines, alternate-bending machines, screen conveyors, eccentric presses, crank